

REMARKS

In this Amendment and Response,

Claims 1 has been cancelled;

Claims 7 and 9 to 24 are pending as originally filed or previously added;

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been currently amended; and

Claims 8 and 25 to 28 (added) re-present formerly dependent Claims 3 to 6, respectively, as independent Claims.

A. Amendment of the Claims

Claim 1 has been cancelled in view of the new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typo. Claims 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been amended to delete a reference to Claim 1. Claims 8 and 25 to 28 re-present as independent Claims formerly dependent Claim 8 and one branch of formerly multiply dependent Claims 3 to 6, respectively. In view of the remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for allowance.

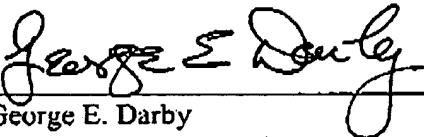
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment of Claims and solicits a Notice of Allowance of Claims 2 to 28. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to the Application.

The Second Office Action was sent to the assignee's office address, rather than to the undersigned's address. An executed Change of Correspondence Address is enclosed to reaffirm that the correspondence address is the undersigned's address. A Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is of record in the Application. Payment in the amount of One Hundred and Seventy-two Dollars (\$172.00) accompanies this Response to cover the cost of the net change in number of independent Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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